

HUMBOLDT-ERFSA Executive Committee Meeting, October 13, 2022, Notes

In attendance: Marshelle Thobaben, Ken Fulgham, Jeffry Borgeld, James Floss, Bernadette Cheyne, Susan Dobie

In-Person Luncheons: Do we continue to hold in-person luncheons (or hybrid luncheons) at the Plaza Grill View Room? We had 10 in attendance today, 6 of whom were committee members, with two additional people attending via Zoom. Last month we had 17. We will continue to lose money at this rate. We hope our next guests, Steve Madrone, Supervisor Elect 5th District at Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, and Rees Hughes, author of Pacific Crest Trail books will bring in more attendees. We noted that outside and kitchen noises made it difficult to hear the presenter. We also had technical difficulties with our Zoom attendees due to equipment in the Plaza Grill View Room. We then discussed the expense versus attendance; we wondered how to be more effective in getting our word out. There was a three-to-two vote against holding in-person luncheons and returning to Zoom meetings for November & December. Bernadette will email Madrone and Hughes about the switch to Zoom. Sign-in will be at 11:30 AM with introductions and business periods followed by presentations from 12:00 to 12:45 1:00 PM.

Spring Presenters: Bernadette reported that she was working on the slate of spring presenters. Possibilities include Elizabeth Rivera from Theatre, Film, and Dance, a grant recipient about the Aztec calendar, Alison Bronson on sharks and rays, and Lori Dengler, an expert on plate tectonics and earthquakes. None are certain to be available at this time, due to uncertain academic scheduling.

Executive Committee Assignments: Jeff and Bernadette will lead the Nov. and Dec. Luncheon Meetings in Marshelle's and Ken's absences. Jeff will be acting President while Marshelle is out of the country from November 15 to December 8. Jeff will introduce Steve Madrone in November, and James will introduce Rees in December. The EC will meet on December 15th at 3 pm.

Membership Update: Since our last meeting, we have had no new memberships. To date, we have a total of 45 active memberships this fall.

Treasure's report: At the Humboldt Area Foundation, we have a \$46,156 ending balance as of August. We have \$4,700 at Cal Poly Humboldt, which funds our meal losses and other campus expenses. Ken consulted with Vice President Frank A Whitlatch regarding the prospect of transferring HAF funds to Cal Poly Humboldt. We would only be able to use 4.5% and we would have to wait before we could disburse funds. That is 12 quarters or 3 years. A trust account would yield only less than 1%. Ken's recommendation is to leave funds at the Humboldt Area Foundation.

Grant Program Fundraiser: We have raised \$4,860 to date for our small grant program. Susan recommended we send our next letter when we have a reception in the Spring or we send a summary letter reporting what we have raised to date, our goals, and then request more monies for our small grant program. We want the reception to follow announcements of new emeritus inductees for both Fall and Spring,

Web Page: James volunteered to parse the ERFSA webpage carefully. Suggestions will be sent to Susan, compiled, and then forwarded to Marshelle before December.

Emeritus Status: Marshelle had a meeting with Provost Jenn Capps, and University Senate Chair Monty Mola. Jenn Capps expressed her desire to have final approval of Emeritus Status. We agreed to send a letter to Monty Mola stating that the Humboldt-ERFSA Executive Committee should be involved with the Faculty Affairs Committee about any changes to the emeritus endowment process.

Delta Dental: Our final discussion was about the failures of the Delta Dental plan to truly provide value for emeritus faculty and staff as many local dentists are no longer accept it.

--Submitted by James Floss, Saturday, Oct 15, 2022